Waitng List for Telephones in OYT and Non-OYT Categories

2316. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applicants on the waiting list for telephones in OYT category and Non-OYT category in Madhya Pradesh as on the 1st November, 1991;

(b) the number of telephone connections likely to be released in the year 1992 in that State; and

(c) by when Government propose to provide telephone connections to all the applicants of Madhya Pradesh?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The total number of applicants on waiting list in OYT and categories as on 1-11-1991 in Madhya Pradesh is as follows:—

OYT	5775
Non-OYT	88208
Total	93983

(b) Telephone connections likely to be released during the financial year 1991-92 are 59000.

(c) The Department of Telecommunications has formulated draft 8th Five Year Telecom Plan and by the end of this Plan it is envisaged to:

—provide telephone connections practically on demand in rural and tribal areas; and

—waiting period not to exceed two years in larger systems.

Accordingly, expansion programmes have been drawn for providing telephone connections fulfilling the above objectives and the waiting list would be cleared progressively during the 8th Plan period.

Commission basis telephone booths to the Handicapped

2317. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have shelved the scheme of providing telephone booths on commission basis to the handicapped persons in major cities of the country;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in negative, the number of telephone booths sanctioned to handicapped persons throughout the country during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Hot line at Nandyal, Andhra Pradesh

2318. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a hot line communication system at Nandyal in Andhra Pradesh and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Telephone exchange in Bombay

2319. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state: